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TOM ACKERMAN, NBC-TV TODAY SHOW FROM TEL AVIV: THE ARMY CENSORS CLAIM PUBLICATION WOULDN'T GIVE THE ARABS ANY TOP MILITARY SECRETS, BUT COULD EMBARRASS KISSINGER, PUT HIS MEDIATING ROLE IN DANGER AND POSSIBLY EVEN FORCE HIM TO RESIGN. THE BOOK'S AUTHOR MATTI GOLAN DOESN'T THINK THAT FEAR JUSTIFIES MILITARY CENSORSHIP AND HE SAYS THE REVELATIONS DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO DAMAGE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. "I AM NOT SURE THAT IN THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT FORD HIMSELF WOULD NOT WELCOME AN EXCUSE OF AN OUTSIDE EVENT THAT WOULD FORCE KISSINGER TO RESIGN." GOLAN SAYS HE IS WILLING TO APPEAL THE CENSORSHIP RULING BEFORE ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURTS AND WILL ACCEPT WHATEVER DECISION THEY MAKE. NONETHELESS, SEVERAL AMERICAN PUBLISHERS HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED HIM ASKING TO BUY THE ENGLISH RIGHTS. AND ONE U.S. PUBLISHER EVEN ASKED HIM TO SMUGGLE THE BOOK OUT FOR A GOOD FEE. INGERSOLL

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